THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 5th March 1948.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Mr. President, before the questions are answered, I should like to make a submission, Sir. Owing to some unfortunate circumstances, whenever any hon. Member arrives late in the House, and when his question comes up before the House first, it is generally passed over. Yesterday I arrived late in the House by about a few minutes and my question was passed over. In the previous Council it used to be the practice that if a Member whose question stands first or second, comes a little late, he had been given indulgence by the Chair to put his question later. May I also request you, Mr. President, to extend the same indulgence to the Members hereafter."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I do not quite understand the hon. Memeber . . . May I know when he came late and when his question was passed over? "

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Yesterday I was late by about five minutes, Sir. I was not here in my seat, Sir, when my question was answered and I had no opportunity to put supplementaries. So I request that whenever a Member is not present, or if he comes late, his questions may be taken up last."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I thought that I was showing an indulgence to hon. Members by allowing their questions being answered by the Government, even when they were absent. If that is not sufficient, I shall consider the hon. Member's suggestion for future guidance."

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Central Nazir, District Court, Chingleput.

* 29 *Q.*—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the answer to starred question No. 96, dated 21st October 1947, will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the reports called for from the High Court have been received by the Government;

(*b*) whether the Government are in a position to answer that question at the next sitting of the Council;